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Presented for filing is a new patent application claiming priority from a provisional patent application of:

Applicant: DAVID L. SHERMAN AND TYLER J. BESSETTE

Title: LIQUIDLESS SEAL CONNECTION

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

| | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Claims | 12 |
| Abstract | 1 |
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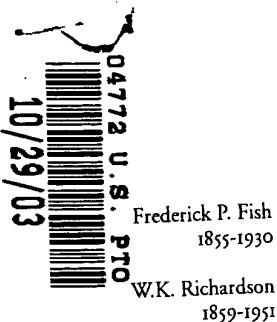
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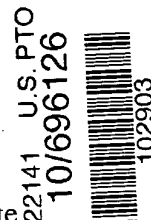
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